

Mexico resident Paul Herzog and thank him for his service as he prepares to retire as the Chief Executive Officer at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces.

I want to acknowledge the innovation and hard work of a true professional who successfully guided Memorial Medical Center during the past decade. I understand and appreciate the challenges of running a hospital, particularly during an era of drastic changes in the health care industry. Paul Herzog not only overcame those challenges, he also positioned Memorial Medical Center to succeed and provide the best possible care to the community—a standard that should be set for all hospitals.

Paul Herzog has 40 years of experience in the health care industry. He previously led the Albuquerque Regional Medical Center in Albuquerque before taking over as Chief Executive Officer at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces.

During his tenure, Paul Herzog led several successful efforts to improve Memorial Medical Center, including:

- Overseeing a \$5.7 million renovation of the hospital.

- Making cardiology, oncology, women's services and emergency services top priorities.

- Developing the Memorial Medical Cancer Center, a medical oncology center, as a department of the hospital contracted with the University of New Mexico for physician services, a research nurse and a nurse practitioner.

- Overseeing Memorial Iikard Cancer Treatment Center during its accreditation by the American College of Radiology.

- Creating an additional 20 Critical Care Unit beds, with a total of 43 Intensive Care Unit/CCU beds.

- Creating a new urgent care clinic.

- Overseeing the accreditation of the medical residency program.

- Creating a neonatal program.

- Creating a hospitality program.

Under Paul Herzog's leadership, Memorial Medical Center was named the "Best Practice" in 2011 by the U.S.-Mexico Border Centers of Excellence Consortium for its ability to retain physicians; and named "Best Hospital" by Readers' Choice Awards for 2003–2012.

Paul Herzog has played a pivotal role in ensuring that rural hospitals can provide exceptional care and services to their communities, and his leadership will be greatly missed. On behalf of all New Mexicans, I wish Paul Herzog the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA LIONS EYE BANK FOR 55 YEARS OF RESTORING SIGHT

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank, whose mission for 55 years has been restoring the gift of sight to those with visual impairments. The Northeast Penn-

sylvania Lions Eye Bank serves 37 counties and patients at over 60 hospitals, but their work benefits people across the globe. If no suitable cornea transplant recipient is found locally, they conduct searches nationally and internationally to ensure that all transplantable tissue reaches someone in need.

The Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank has helped over 30,000 people worldwide who were in need of corneal donation and transplantation. Specializing in obtaining, evaluating, and distributing corneal tissue, they use state-of-the-art technology and the highest medical standards to certify that all donated eye tissue is completely safe for sight-restoring surgery.

In addition to facilitating tissue donation, the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank provides services for donors, their families, hospitals, and transplant surgeons. The Eye Bank helps transplant recipients connect with support groups and provides an array of educational and informational programs for the public and the medical community. They coordinate with other organ and tissue donor agencies in Pennsylvania and across the country to provide these services.

Each year over 50,000 Americans and hundreds of thousands more around the world suffer from corneal blindness. Since there is no substitute for human corneal tissue, all of the Eye Bank's efforts depend upon the generosity of voluntary corneal tissue donors. Today I salute the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank's efforts to help those selfless donors turn their generosity into the gift of sight for thousands of visually impaired individuals.

HONORING GRANT ALVIN BERGMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Grant Alvin Bergman. Grant is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Grant has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Grant has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Grant has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and became a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow. Grant has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Grant constructed two animal-accessible benches for the Kansas City Pet Project, to be used by staff and volunteers as well as a meet-and-greet area for potential adopting families.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Grant Alvin Bergman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COLORADO PLUS AND WEST 29TH RESTAURANT AND BAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Colorado Plus and West 29th Restaurant and Bar for receiving the 2013 Wheat Ridge Reinvestment Award.

This award recognizes businesses that have made a significant investment in their property, improving the overall appearance of the site.

Both Colorado Plus owner Eugene Khang, and West 29th Restaurant and Bar owners Bud and Mary Starker, made huge contributions to the esthetic look of Wheat Ridge over the past few months through the renovation and construction on their two respective businesses.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Colorado Plus and West 29th Restaurant and Bar for this well deserved recognition by the City of Wheat Ridge and the Wheat Ridge Business Association. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF JULIENNE SAUER

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Julianne Sauer, of San Ramon, California. Fourteen-year-old Julianne recently was awarded second place in the science category of the Broadcom MASTERS 2013 National Science Fair.

The Broadcom MASTERS National Science Fair challenges sixth, seventh, and eighth grade scientists to explore STEM experiments and projects. Julianne was selected as one of thirty finalists from thousands of nominees by a panel of distinguished scientists and engineers.

Julianne's project was titled Quantum Locking: The Future of Frictionless Motion. She tested two different types of superconductors to explore which produced a magnetic field that would support the most weight. Scientists today are using this type of research to determine how to use frictionless motion to propel high speed rail and other projects. It is important that young scientists like Julianne have opportunities to pursue their passions.

I applaud Julianne's success. Her achievement, especially at such a young age, is remarkable. She is an inspiration and should serve as a role model for other young students looking to pursue a STEM education around the country. I offer Julianne my heartfelt congratulations, and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.